

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL MONEY TRANSFER SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have recently started International Money Transfer Service in post offices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of countries likely to be covered under the said service; and
- (d) the details of countries where this service is likely to be commenced initially?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) As a result of the collaboration of the Department of Posts with the Western Union Financial Services International, USA, a state of the art International Money Transfer Service is now available through the Post Offices in India. The service enables instantaneous remittance of money to India. The recipients can collect the money immediately after the remittance has been made by the sender.
- (c) At present under the scheme, only inward remittance service to India is available from 185 countries.
- (d) The countries where this service is available are listed in the Annexure.